

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 32-35 are presently pending in this application. Claims 1-30 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 31 is now also canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 32 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of previously presented independent base Claim 31 without the introduction of any new matter.

The outstanding Office Action presented a rejection of Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baliga (U.S. Patent No. 5,637,898) in view of Hshieh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,518,127, Hshieh).

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 34 and 35 are allowed and that Claims 32 and 33 are only objected to as depending on rejected Claim 31.

As Claim 31 has been canceled, the rejection thereof as being unpatentable over Baliga in view of Hshieh is respectfully submitted to be moot.

Moreover, as there are no intervening claims and as previously presented dependent Claim 32 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of previously presented base Claim 31, Claim 32 is respectfully submitted to now be allowable.

Further, as Claim 33 depends from allowable independent Claim 32, it is also respectfully submitted that Claim 33 should be considered to now be allowable.

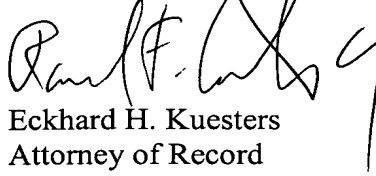
In addition, as the present Amendment raises no new issues, as it does not require a further search, and as it clearly removes all outstanding issues, entry under 37 CFR § 1.116 is further submitted to be in order.

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As no other issues are believed to remain outstanding relative to this application, it is believed to be clear that this application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to this effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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